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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

We would like to solicit your cooperation for an article we are preparing for THE SCIENCES, the monthly magazine of The New York Academy of Sciences. We are asking scientists from various disciplines what single alteration or addition they would make to improve the human body - if they could - with a particular emphasis on changes that would be useful at this time in history: to facilitate space exploration, for example, or to control population growth, war or major health problems. Previous evolutionary functions of an organ or organ system may be disregarded, you are not limited to changes desirable in your own discipline, and the more innovative the change, the better. We would like to publish your description - up to 200 words - of a proposed alteration, and our artist will draw a suitable picture, if possible, to illustrate your proposal.

We are enclosing a recent issue of THE SCIENCES for your inspection. May we hear from you before October 15, and hopefully, that you are intrigued?

Sincerely,



Margery Barnett  
Editor, THE SCIENCES

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